

## Unit Assessment

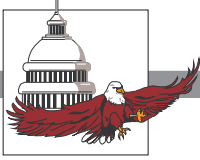
Use the list below to write the correct term for each definition on the line provided.

**barbed wire**  
**boom towns**  
**dry farming**

**fifty-niners**  
**homestead**  
**long drive**

**pioneers**  
**reservations**  
**transcontinental**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. herding cattle from grazing lands to railroad depots
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. early settlers in the Western territories
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. a way of plowing to preserve water in the soil
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. special homelands set aside for Native Americans
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. mining settlements that grew very rapidly
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. fence wire having barbs at intervals
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. reaching across a continent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. land received from the United States in return for farming it
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. people who went to Colorado in 1859 in search of gold



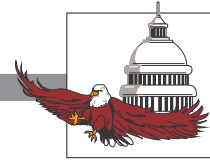
Use the list below to complete the following statements.

<b>buffalo</b>	<b>massacred</b>
<b>forty-niners</b>	<b>open range</b>
<b>ghost towns</b>	<b>wagon trains</b>

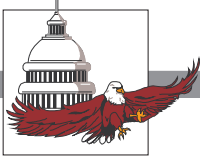
10. Many plains Native Americans lived by hunting \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. \_\_\_\_\_ were an early means of transportation for settlers of the West.
12. Many Native Americans were \_\_\_\_\_ , or killed, by the United States Army.
13. Cattle ranchers wanted their cattle to graze on the \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. People rushing to the gold fields of California in 1849 were called \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. When miners deserted the boom towns, the towns became \_\_\_\_\_ .

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

16. The first people living in the American West were \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. farmers
  - b. Native Americans
  - c. cattlemen



17. By 1887 travel from the East Coast to the West Coast was made easier by \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. a fast fleet of ships
  - b. wagons pulled by fast teams of horses
  - c. transcontinental railroads
18. The Homestead Act gave settlers 160 acres of land if they \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. lived on it five years and improved it
  - b. promised to grow corn and wheat
  - c. paid \$100.00 an acre
19. The invention of barbed wire brought an end to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. farming on the Great Plains
  - b. open range cattle grazing
  - c. the threat of a Native American raid
20. Native Americans were angry because American settlers \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. discovered gold in the West
  - b. were fighting to take Native American lands
  - c. began to herd buffalo on the Great Plains
21. At the Battle of the Little Bighorn in June of 1876, \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. Native Americans were badly defeated by a large group of American farmers
  - b. cattlemen and farmers fought over grazing lands
  - c. the Sioux defeated United States Army troops
22. The Dawes Act gave Native Americans \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. the right to own property
  - b. American citizenship
  - c. 160 acres of free land
23. Farmers on the Great Plains built homes out of \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. wood
  - b. blocks of sod
  - c. bricks



24. Western cattle and crops were important sources of food for \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a. the big cities in the East
  - b. the mining camps in the West
  - c. the Native Americans on reservations.
25. After 1850, many people rushed to the West because of the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a. quick money they could make herding cattle
  - b. discovery of gold
  - c. desire to explore new lands